

Homestead National Monument Of America



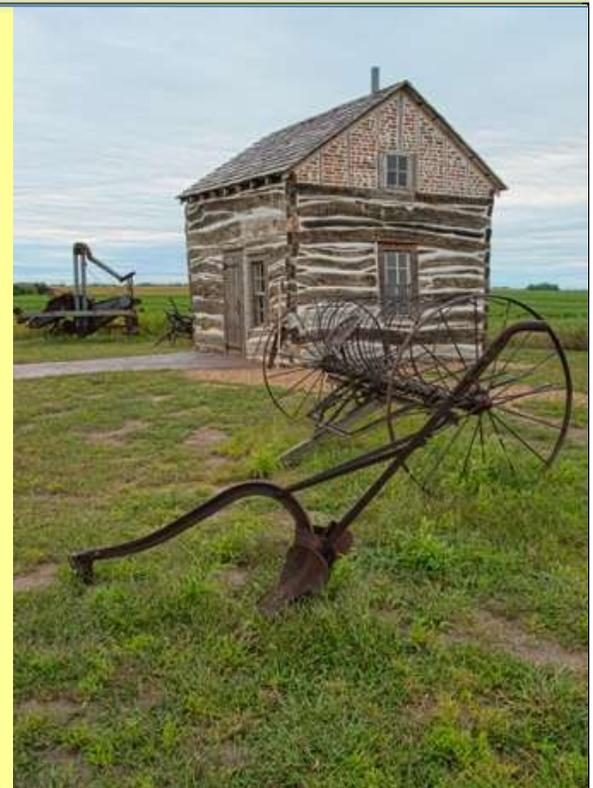
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Traditional Craft Opportunities in 2012

Homestead National Monument of America strives to give visitors a first-hand look at what daily life was like during the homesteading era. As homesteaders, skills such as spinning, blacksmithing, hide tanning and masonry work were incredibly valued and essential, as many people moved west with few possessions. Much of what they had they made themselves. At the monument, we encourage the preservation and development of those skills and crafts, by giving the public the opportunity to actively learn these unique skills from professional tradespeople.

2012 is a special year for Homestead National Monument of America. This year we are seeking craftspeople who want to partner with us to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Homestead Act of 1862 by demonstrating their craft for the public.



The opportunity to work at Homestead National Monument of America benefits both the craftsman and those who will enjoy their trade. This special volunteer opportunity in 2012 offers craftspeople a chance to share their skill and passion for their craft and participate in commemorating a nationally significant event, the 150th Anniversary of the Homestead Act of 1862.



Opportunity Details

Please submit:

- 1) A completed Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies (Form #[OF301 06 07.pdf](#))
- 2) A Statement of Purpose: Please explain why you want to be a traditional craft demonstrator at Homestead National Monument of America in 2012 and if applicable, your connection to the Homestead Act of 1862. Please also include your vision of interacting and sharing your craft with the public. (no more than one page)
- 3) Please state when and how often you are available to demonstrate your craft in 2012 (i.e. Homestead Days weekend, every Saturday, etc.)
- 4) Please indicate if you have demonstrated at the monument in the past and if so, when.
- 5) (Optional) Samples of works (do not send originals): Send prints or digital files (.jpg preferable) . Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if you would like print samples returned to you. Submit the items and information via mail, email, and/or fax.

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Deadline to submit materials:

Entries will be accepted with postmarks dated on or before **April 1, 2012** (or accepted via email by that date). Selectees will be notified no later than **April 15, 2012**.

Who is eligible?

A craftsman could include many things. We see a craftsman as “a creator of great skill in the manual arts.” This could include many tradespeople such as:

Cooper, Coppersmith, Currier, Glassblower, Stonemason, Miller, Potter, Quilter, Ropemaker, Tanner, Weaver, Gardener, Blacksmith, Woodworker...



For additional questions about this opportunity, contact Park Guide Allison Alley
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